

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2011
in Covingham Park Junior School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present:

Cllr D Benfield, Cllr P Bennell, Cllr P Davis, Cllr D Fitchett, Cllr A Foss, Cllr E Godbold, Cllr D Haigh, Cllr B Osbourn, Cllr L Sandle, Cllr S Wichall

In attendance: Jo Wheeler (parish clerk), Ward Councillor Heenan, Ward Councillor Hurley

1. Election of chairman

Cllr Wichall nominated Cllr Osbourn. Resolved to appoint Cllr Osbourn as chairman.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr J Day, Cllr W Reddaway

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Benfield declared an interest in the letter for a grant application delivered to the council that evening. The application will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Police matters

PC Jack Newman reported that Covingham is a low crime area. The police are focussing on a more reactive service rather than neighbourhood patrolling.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 14th March & 11th April 2011

The council approved the minutes of 14th March and 11th April and they were signed as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters arising

104: The basketball hoop had been installed this week and is already well used.

108: The proposed wind turbines at Honda will be larger and more visible than the parish council originally thought.

109: The school governors have conveyed thanks for the new whiteboard.

7. Appointment of officers

The council resolved to appoint the following people to committees for the year:

Committee	Persons appointed
Vice chairman	Cllr Wichall
Allotments	Cllr Davis & Cllr Benfield
Finance Committee	Cllr Benfield, Cllr Davis, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Sandle, Cllr Wichall,
Forward Planning Committee	Cllr Godbold, Cllr Fitchett, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Wichall
Planning Committee	Cllr Haigh, Cllr Sandle, Cllr Wichall
Press officer	Cllr Benfield
Recreation & Amenities Committee	Cllr Bennell, Cllr Day, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Reddaway

8. Public questions

None

9. Recreation and Amenities Group report

The Recreation and Amenities Committee have appointed Lightmain to install the skate park equipment and Bancumm Surfacing to re-surface the skate park area. Both companies will meet to organise the project. The lead-time for installation of the equipment is 6 weeks.

Cllr Foss confirmed that he will soon be attending a Premises meeting with Covingham School and will discuss the parish council's request about drainage in Covingham Park.

10. Planning matters

Planning application	Location	Details	Parish council comments
S/11/0496	25 Swanbrook Covingham	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension	No strong views

11. Financial matters

The financial summary and cheque list were approved.

12. Matters for Consideration

Cllr Benfield reported that trees are covering the vehicle-activated sign on Merlin Way.

Cllr Osbourn to chase Swindon Borough Council about the problem trees in Covingham.
Ward Councillor Hurley agreed to speak to the relevant officers.

The petition against the noise coming from Redlands was discussed. The ward councillors pointed out that comments from parishioners would have to be sent to Robert Buckland rather than Swindon Borough Council, as they have no power over the airspace.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

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